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1. The reply brief filed 6/25/99 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. In light of the entry of the reply brief, the petition is dismissed.

## Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rupal Dharia whose telephone number is (703) 305-4003. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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